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SUBJECT: CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST FOUR FAZ OFFICERS

1. KINSHASA PRESS REPORTED JULY 28 THAT MOBUTU HAS ORDERED GENERAL LIKULIA, AUDITOR-GENERAL AND CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER OF THE ARMED SERVICES, TO FORMALLY BRING CHARGES AGAINST FOUR OFFICERS: COLONEL MAMPA SALAMAY (EX-CHIEF OF THE ARMY), COLONEL KABWE KAPASULA, LT. COLONEL NDAZY ANANI AND LIEUTENANT PAMBU DI NGOMA. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (KINSHASA 4203, KINSHASA 6507) COLONEL MAMPA HAS BEEN IN CUSTODY SINCE BEING RELIEVED OF HIS POST ON APRIL 14, AND BOTH HE AND COLONEL KABWE WERE STRIPPED OF THEIR RANK AND REMANDED TO THE MILITARY COURTS ON JULY 11.

2. THE REPORTS STATE THAT COL. MAMPA HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF TREASON. HE IS ALLEGED, WHILE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY, TO HAVE TRANSMITTED "SECRETS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE" TO THE EX-KATANGAN GENDARMES WHO INVaded SHABA. THIS INFORMATION WAS REPORTEDLY PASSED THROUGH HIS CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS ZAIRIANS IN EXILE, INCLUDING MONGUYA MBENGE, FORMER REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR SHABA IN 1971-72 AND NOW A LEADER OF THE MOUVEMENT D'ACTION POUR LA RESURRECTION DU CONGO (M.A.R.C.) IN BRUSSELS. MAMPA IS ALSO ACCUSED OF SUBTLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY DEMORALIZING

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TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH SHABA AND OF DIVERTING 30,000 ZAIRES INTENDED FOR PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES.

3. COLONEL KABWE WAS REPORTEDLY CHARGED WITH HAVING VIOLATED THE RIGHTS OF A CITOYEN MABEKA BY HAVING HIM ARBITRARILY ARRESTED AND DETAINED. LT. COLONEL NDAZYA ANANI AND LT. PAMBU DE NGOMA ARE BOTH TO BE DISMISSED FOR CONDUCT UNBECOMING THEIR RANK.

COLONEL NDAZYA WAS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN DIAMOND SMUGGLING
WHILE LT. PAMBU WAS ACCUSED OF UNPROVOKED ASSAULT.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH LUMPED TOGETHER BY THE PRESS, THE CASES OF THE FOUR OFFICERS APPEAR TO FALL INTO DISTINCT CATEGORIES. WITH REGARD TO MAMPA, WHO FACES FAR MORE SERIOUS CHARGES THAN THE OTHERS, FRENCH AND BELGIAN SOURCES CLAIM THAT THE ACCUSATION OF TREASON IS BASED ON PLAUSIBLE EVIDENCE. THEY ALSO POINT OUT THAT MAMPA, AS A PROTEGE OF GENERAL BABIA, WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN REGABILITED BY NOW UNLESS THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM. THE SIMILARITIES IN THE OTHER CASES MAY INDICATE THAT THE FAZ HOUSECLEANING PROMISED BY MOBUTU HAS BEGUN. CONTRARY TO THE INSISTENCE OF FAZ SOURCES THAT KABWE INDEED HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR REASONS PUBLISHED, HOWEVER, SOME FRENCH AND BELGIAN SOURCES ARGUE THAT HE IS ACTUALLY BEING REMOVED BECAUSE OF HIS CLOSE TIES WITH FORMER CAPTAIN GENERAL BUMBA. PERHAPS MOBUTU AND BABIA SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO WARN OTHER OFFICERS GUILTY OF SIMILAR ABUSE OF CIVILIANS AND ELIMINATE YET ANOTHER BUMBA MAN AT ONE STROKE. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE OTHER TWO OFFICERS CHARGED.

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